

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNING OF A DECLARATION OF INTENT BETWEEN THE JEWISH ADOPTION AND FAMILY CARE OPTIONS AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL MINISTRY OF LABOR, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Jewish Adoption and Family Care Center's declaration of intent agreement with the State of Israel. JAFCO continues to provide support to children affected by disabilities at risk of abuse or neglect in the United States.

JAFCO was established as a non-profit in 1992. The JAFCO Children's Village is among the rarest programs of its kind around the country. The partnership with the Israel Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Social Services, or MOLSA, will help both entities refer requests for foster care, consultation, support services and more.

JAFCO and MOLSA have seen their efforts overlap over the past 25 years, making this partnership all the more important towards providing help for children in need. Both have done phenomenal work servicing special needs kids. This partnership can help mend any unmet necessities for children in the Jewish community.

I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting this partnership and commending the invaluable work JAFCO and MOLSA have done over the years to bring help to children and families in need.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KEEPING OUR MANUFACTURERS FROM BEING UNFAIRLY TAXED WHILE CHAMPIONING HEALTH ACT (KOMBUCHA)

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Keeping Our Manufacturers from Being Unfairly Taxed while Championing Health Act (KOMBUCHA). This legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to properly tax kombucha, a fermented tea, naturally rich in probiotics and healthy acids, that can contain trace amounts of alcohol.

Last month, on February 21, we commemorated World Kombucha Day and acknowledged the many contributions of kombucha brewers in my home State of Oregon, across the United States, and around the world. With the introduction of KOMBUCHA, the United States Congress now can extend that acknowledgement to legislative action by providing the industry with much-needed relief.

Under the Internal Revenue Code, kombucha beverages with more than 0.5 percent alcohol-by-volume are subject to excise taxes intended for beer. As a result of the fermentation process that is necessary to produce kombucha, some final products may

contain more than 0.5 percent alcohol-by-volume, subjecting the industry to onerous excise taxes. But kombucha drinkers do not choose the product because of its alcohol content, they choose it as a healthy beverage option.

My legislation would increase the alcohol-by-volume limit for kombucha to 1.25 percent, properly categorizing the product and allowing the kombucha industry to continue its growth. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senator WYDEN in the Senate to provide this relief as soon as possible.

RECOGNIZING LIFESTREAM BEHAVIORAL CENTER'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize LifeStream Behavioral Center as they commemorate 50 years of service in bringing hope to life during the month of March. LifeStream is dedicated to their mission of supporting recovery, promoting health and creating hope. Over the years LifeStream has grown to meet the needs of our communities and become a leader in behavioral health, substance use disorders, and social services.

In 1969, LifeStream began as a component of Waterman Memorial Hospital in Eustis, Florida, providing community-based care as an alternative to institutionalization. In 1971, LifeStream became a non-profit organization, originally founded as Lake/Sumter Community Mental Health Center, with 18 inpatient beds located inside Waterman Hospital and two outpatient clinics located in Lake and Sumter Counties.

Since its founding, LifeStream has expanded to multiple facilities with over 50 programs and 1,000 staff providing services throughout Central Florida, proudly serving the individuals and families of Lake, Sumter, Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Orange, and Hillsborough Counties. As a leader in behavioral healthcare, LifeStream offers a multi-disciplinary approach helping people reclaim their lives and take what for many is their first step towards hope. Their integrated health system provides behavioral health, substance use, primary healthcare, and social services. For 50 years, LifeStream has helped thousands of individuals in our community achieve recovery and reach their highest potential.

This is a momentous year for LifeStream, and I am honored to join my friend, Jonathan Cherry, CEO/President of LifeStream in celebrating this milestone. The community and families of Central Florida are blessed to have a committed behavioral health center such as LifeStream, and I commend them for the measures they are undertaking to support recovery and provide hope to those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL'S CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral on their celebration of this, the Bicentennial of Greek Independence. Their continued efforts to support, preserve and promote their Greek culture, as well as honor the heroes of 1821 and the sacrifices they made in pursuit of Greek independence, are truly remarkable and deserving of the highest praise.

The parishioners of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral are stewards of their culture's rich history, celebrating and honoring the sacrifices made by their forefathers during their fight for freedom. With the signing of the Treaty of Edirne in 1829, eight years after the inception of the War of Greek Independence, the independent state of Greece was finally established. St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral has been a vital member of the Greater Springfield community since 1907, and generations of parishioners have faithfully commemorated Greek independence for more than a century.

Madam Speaker, I would like to once again acknowledge St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral for their extraordinary efforts and superb achievement. Their dedication to preserving the traditions of their religion and their culture is admirable, and I wish them many more years of health and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are Ashley Beck, Jordan Beck, Joshua Beck, Charleen Beckel, Bonnie Becker, Janet Becker, Michele Becker, Ellen Becker, Carianne Becker, Rebecca Becker, Jody Becker, Amber Becker, Heidi Becker, Brooklyn Becker, Beth Becker, LaTora Becker, Myranda Becking, Vicki Beckler, Nicholas Beckler, Crystal Beckman, Danielle Beckmann, Lindsey Beckstrand, Erin Beckstrom, Briana Beckstrom, Sheri Beckwith, Nicole Beckwith, Krista Beckwith, Loni Bedard, Cassandra Beech, Kelsey Beech, Darla Beedle, Andrew Beedle, Amy Beeghly, Allison Beeman, Debra Beermann, Amelia Beernink, Chelsi Beers, Erika Beers, Amanda Beeson, Dalene Beetem, Naomi Beetsch, Marsha Begeman, Katelyn Begeman, Cynthia Begley, Cambreya Behan, Margaret Behl, Rebecca Behl, Keith Behl, Ashley Behl, Brenda Behlings, Nancy Behr, Kristina Behrend, Christina Behrends, Travis Behrens,